

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 12-21 are currently pending in the present application, with Claims 19-21 being added. Reconsideration and reexamination of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 12 and 16-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Yager et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,983,236) and Nagai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,795,092).

As previously communicated, the present invention is directed to a multimedia execution system and a multimedia file structure for used in such a system. In particular, the present invention is directed to a multimedia system having a file storage that stores multimedia file constituting multiple sequence tracks, wherein the sequence track share the same data structure constituted by a sequence of events and corresponding durations that indicate time intervals between each successive event (see Fig. 3 of the present application illustrating alternating arrangement of event and duration information; see also pages 10-13 of the present application).

Applicants have amended the claims to further clarify the claimed invention. In particular, Claims 1, 8, and 9 have been amended to further define the control information as recited in the claims and the use status information to generate instructions for the sequencer. The amendment is supported by the specification at pages 13-14 and Fig. 4. Applicants respectfully submit that neither Yager nor Nagai contain any disclosure of an executing unit receiving status information from a sequencer, perform a process in response to the status information, and transmits back to the sequencer instruction in accordance with the results of the process performed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 12 and 16-21 are not obvious in view of Yager and Nagai.

The Examiner rejected Claims 2 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yager, Nagai, and Chernock et al. (U.S. patent no. 6,314,569). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed above, neither Yager nor Nagai teach or suggest an executing unit receiving status information from a sequencer, perform a process in response to the status information, and transmits back to the sequencer instruction in accordance with the results of the process performed. Chernock fails to make up for this deficiency. Chernock is directed to an A/V system for displaying multimedia files including personalized supplementary audio/video information. Chernock does not teach or suggest using status information to generate instructions. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 2 and 10 are not obvious in view of the combination of Yager, Nagai, and Chernock.

The Examiner rejected Claims 5-7 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yager, Nagai, and Coelho et al. (U.S. patent no. 5,748,196). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Again, as discussed above neither Yager nor Nagai teach or suggest an executing unit receiving status information from a sequencer, perform a process in response to the status information, and transmits back to the sequencer instruction in accordance with the results of the process performed. Coelho is directed to a method of associating possible data processing paths with A/V signals. Coelho does not remotely teach or suggest status information or control information. Accordingly, Applicants further respectfully submit that Claims 5-7 and 13-15 are not obvious in view of the combination of Yager, Nagai, and Coelho.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding

rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If the Examiner believes it would further advance the prosecution of the present application, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney with any issues or questions.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 393032025600.

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